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- Obama tweets tribute within minutes of victory {page 08}

‘Four more years’

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How Obama
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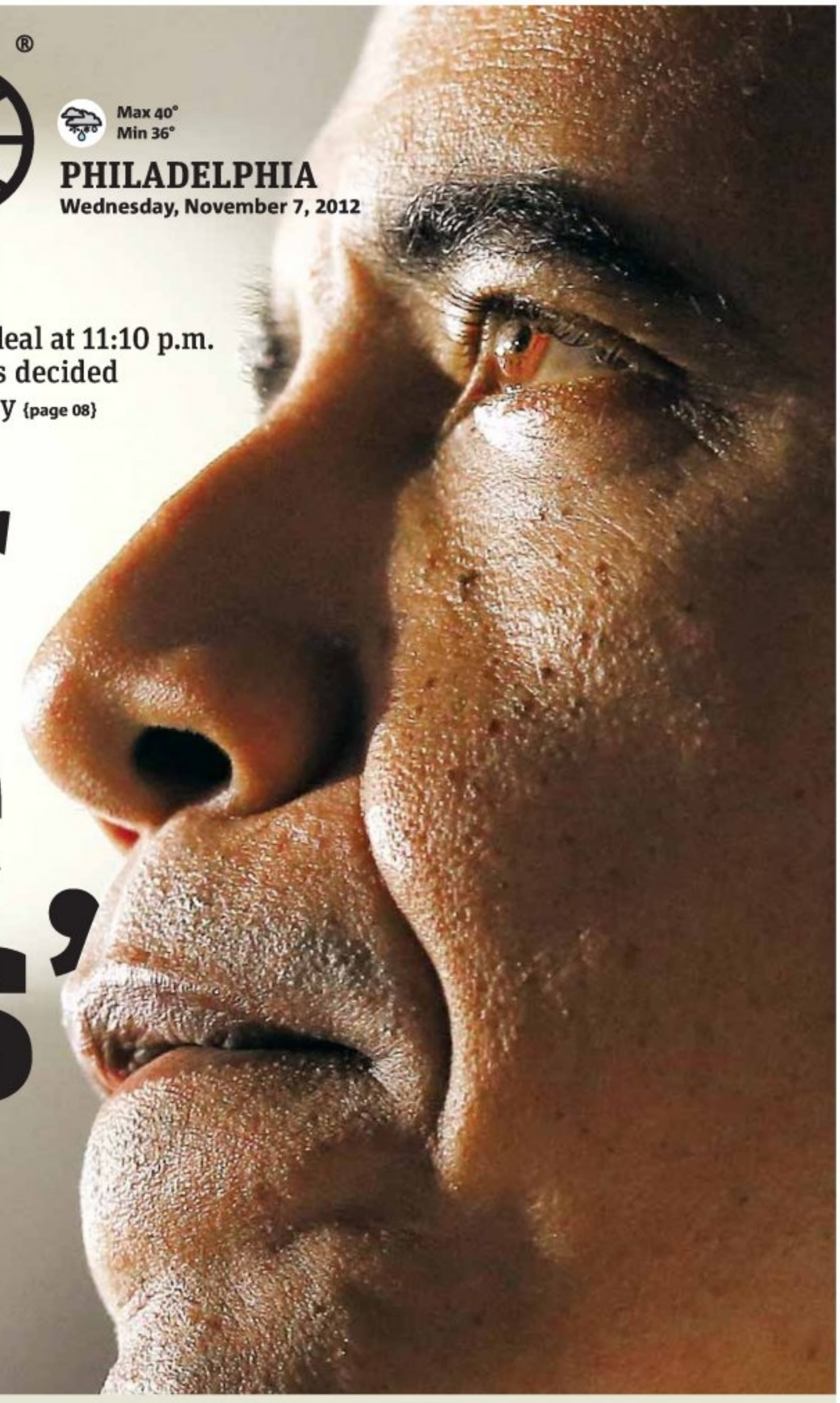

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Casey Jr. wins second term in Senate seat

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey Jr. won a second term last night by defeating Republican Tom Smith in the state's lone senate race.

Casey had been outspent in the race by Smith, a wealthy Tea Party leader who largely ignored the southeastern part of the state. The Associated Press called the race for Casey with about 60 percent of the vote counted and fellow U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey congratulated Casey on his victory.

Casey, a blue-dog Democrat who has supported most of President Obama's signature policies, no doubt benefited from the high turnout by Democrats in the state. And while Congress has received record low approval ratings as a result of partisanship and political gridlock, Smith's lack of name recognition and political experience did not instill enough confidence in voters to send him to Washington.

"My family and I are humbled and grateful for the support of millions of Pennsylvanians," Smith said. "And though we fell short tonight, we will continue to advocate for the principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility and individual liberty."

With the economy the number one issue in the election, Smith touted his experience as an entrepreneur who would help jumpstart job creation.

"We've got to get this economy roaring, we've got to get that deficit spending under control, and I've got the plans and the background to do that," Smith said during the only televised debate. "That is what I have done for 44 years."

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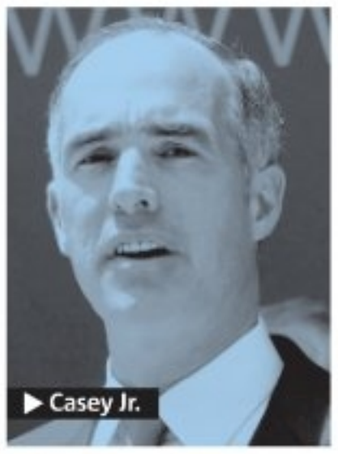
56%
Casey's tally through 70 percent of votes counted



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"Congratulations to Senator Casey on winning a second term tonight."
U.S. SEN. PAT TOOMEY

42%
Smith's tally through 70 percent of votes counted

Quoted

"While we disagree on some things, we both care deeply for this country."
SMITH, CONCEDING TO CASEY

Concession

Smith ended his bid for U.S. Senate on a gracious note, conceding at 10:35 p.m.

- "My congratulations tonight goes to Senator Casey," said Smith. "[We both] believe America's best days are ahead of her."

Pennsylvania Attorney General

59%

39%

U.S. House - Pennsylvania's Eighth District

44%

55%

U.S. House - Pennsylvania's Seventh District

41%

59%

By the numbers

70

Republican election officials initially ejected from Philadelphia polling places by election judges in the morning hours yesterday. State Republicans won a court order giving access to their officials by the afternoon. METRO

Quoted

"The whole East Coast, they're digging out. They're not going to want to come down and go gambling."
BILLY BRYAN, AN ATLANTIC CITY CARD DEALER, HEADED TO WORK FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE STORM AND EXPECTING SLOW TABLES

News in brief

Romney made one last stop in Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA. On the last day of the 2012 election, Mitt Romney took the time Tuesday afternoon to stop in a right-leaning western suburb of Pittsburgh to thank his volunteers before he headed to the most crucial state of all, Ohio.

"The President has run a strong campaign. I believe he is a good man and wish him well. ... But it is time for a new direction. It is a time for a better tomorrow," Romney told the crowd.

Pennsylvania until recently had been thought to be a blue state, seeing that voters have not voted Republican since 1988, but recent weeks' polling showed it swung back into "battleground" territory.

JULIE SHANNON

Polling places. Controversy.

▶ The mural on the wall of Benjamin Franklin Elementary School on the 5700 block of Rising Sun Avenue in Lawncrest depicts Obama holding a microphone while glancing down.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Mural art politicized, covered up

A judge yesterday issued a court order mandating that a mural of President Barack Obama directly behind voting booths at a Northeast Philadelphia polling place be covered up. "Unreal: Obama mural inside polling place in Philly," Deputy Communications Director at the Republican National Committee Tim Miller tweeted yesterday morning with a picture of the offending portrait. "No wonder they are kicking out GOP officials." METRO

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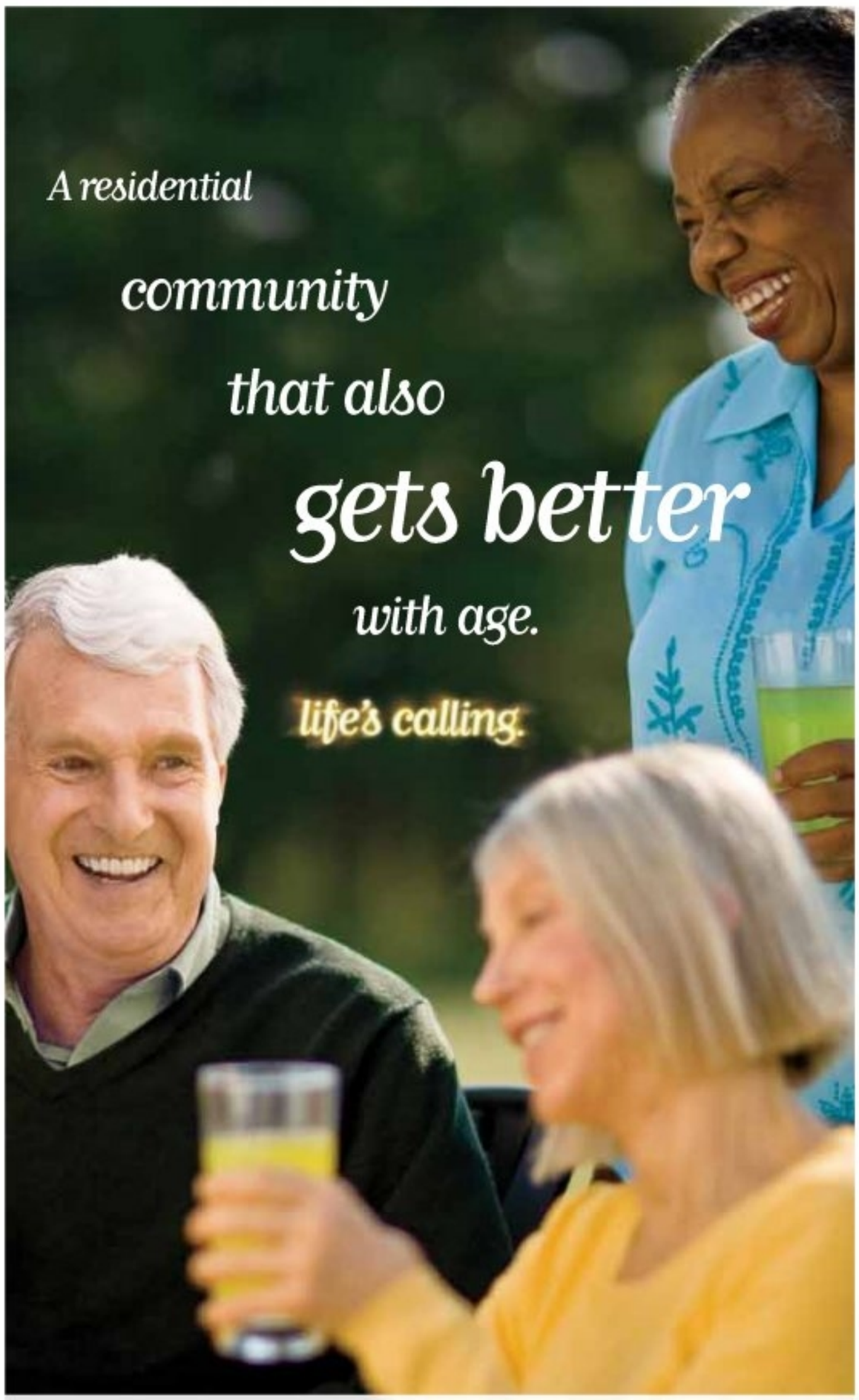

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Large turnout, some issues at Philly polls

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▶ Future voters looked on at Ben Franklin Elementary School in Northeast Philadelphia yesterday.

Despite concerns about confusion over the state's voter ID law, most polling places in Philadelphia reported few problems and excellent voter turnout.

At Drexel University yesterday afternoon, a steady stream of students created lines at one location.

"I felt like the hype was a lot greater than in years past, even in [2008], which was my first time voting," said senior Maia Livengood, who stood in line for about 10 minutes. "It's kind of cool."

Local political consultant Maurice Floyd said he heard reports that the city was headed for record turnout, which he said was not surprising.

"I think that the money that was spent [and] the issues that are at hand concern a lot of voters, and I think at this particular point they are very much interested in voting this election," Floyd said.

Quoted

"Both campaigns spent a lot of money. There was nowhere you could turn that you would get out of view of 'there's an election that's about to take place."

FLOYD

A few problems were reported, including numerous voters whose names were not in the poll book at their polling place and were forced to cast provisional ballots, according to government watchdog Committee of Seventy. City Commissioners said the reports were overblown.

Also, in the 28th ward in North Philadelphia, both voting machines were down for two hours, causing confusion and frustration. Some voters filled out provisional ballots without signing their names. Poll workers blamed the confusion on poor communication.

"We were on our own," said Rhonda Harris, a Democratic committeewoman. She said she was hoping to track down the voters who did not sign their ballots, but noted that "if not, these votes don't count, and that's really, really sad."

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'Disheartened' students denied from booths

Thousands of residents who were properly registered to vote yesterday were forced to cast provisional ballots.

Committee of Seventy attempted to seek legal relief at the Court of Elections to allow some of those voters to cast ballots on machines, but lawyers for both Mitt Romney's and Barack Obama's campaigns chose not to pursue the issue under the premise that provisional ballots carry equal legal weight. Ideally, judges of elections should check computer rolls for the most updated registered voter lists, Seventy said, but many polling places don't have computers.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Some had access denied.

The problem also emerged in student-heavy voting precincts, said consumer advocacy group PennPIRG, which began receiving reports yesterday morning that several hundred students at Pittsburgh and Temple universities were being turned away from the polling places listed on their voter identification cards because their names were left off the paper rolls. Many of them were only issued provisional ballots after they called in attorneys. The confusion led to long lines that further jeopardized voter turnout.

"It's really disheartening for students who are voting for the first time to be turned away or given a provisional ballot, as if by participating in our democratic system they were doing something wrong," PennPIRG student organizer Ryan Molson said. "Much of this confusion seems like it could have been avoided by modernizing our registration systems."

ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

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ABOUT ZOSTAVAX

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- Possible side effects include redness, pain, itching, swelling, hard lump, warmth, or bruising at the injection site, as well as headache.
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What is ZOSTAVAX and how does it work?
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ZOSTAVAX cannot be used to treat shingles, or the nerve pain that may follow shingles, once you have it.

What do I need to know about shingles and the virus that causes it?
Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Once you have had chickenpox, the virus can stay in your nervous system for many years. For reasons that are not fully understood, the virus may become active again and give you shingles. Age and problems with the immune system may increase your chances of getting shingles.

Shingles is a rash that is usually on one side of the body. The rash begins as a cluster of small red spots that often blister. The rash can be painful. Shingles rashes usually last up to 30 days and, for most people, the pain associated with the rash lessens as it heals.

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- are allergic to gelatin or neomycin.
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How is ZOSTAVAX given?
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What should I tell my health care provider before I get ZOSTAVAX?
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- take any medicines, including non-prescription medicines, and dietary supplements.
- have any allergies, including allergies to neomycin or gelatin.
- had an allergic reaction to another vaccine.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding.

Tell your health care provider if you expect to be in close contact (including household contact) with newborn infants, someone who may be pregnant and has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated against chickenpox, or someone who has problems with their immune system. Your health care provider can tell you what situations you may need to avoid.

Can I get ZOSTAVAX with other vaccines?
Talk to your health care provider if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX at the same time as the flu vaccine.

Talk to your health care provider if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX at the same time as PNEUMOVAX®23 (Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent) because it may be better to get these vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.

What are the possible side effects of ZOSTAVAX?
The most common side effects that people in the clinical studies reported after receiving the vaccine include:
- redness, pain, itching, swelling, hard lump, warmth, or bruising where the shot was given.
- headache

The following additional side effects have been reported with ZOSTAVAX:
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- chickenpox
- fever
- hives at the injection site
- joint pain
- muscle pain
- nausea
- rash
- rash at the injection site
- swollen glands near the injection site (that may last a few days to a few weeks)

Tell your health care provider if you have any new or unusual symptoms after you receive ZOSTAVAX. For a complete list of side effects, ask your health care provider.

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What are the ingredients of ZOSTAVAX?
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Confusion affected votes in storm-ravaged NJ, NY

GETTY IMAGES

▶ A woman fills out paper work to vote by the light of generators in New Jersey.

Governments strained to allow voters to participate in the election despite damage from Hurricane Sandy.

In New York City, where almost 60 polling places were moved, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was running election shuttles from stricken areas. Across New Jersey, county officials tried to cope with Gov. Chris Christie's decision to let displaced residents submit ballots via e-mail or fax until 8 p.m.

"I have grave concerns about the security of what's being sent to me electronically," said Michael Harper, clerk of the Hudson County Board of Elections. The "mountain of paperwork" from e- mail ballot applications resulted in a workload that's "physically impossible" for the office to handle, he said.

Following reports of long delays and voter confusion, New Jersey extended the deadline for clerks to count those e-mailed and faxed ballots until Nov. 9. The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey petitioned a judge in Superior Court to extend the access to ballots for those displaced by Sandy. The organization wants voters to have the use of the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, according to Katie Wang, a spokeswoman for the group.

The disruption, at least in the presidential race, will be more personal than political. New York and New Jersey aren't considered swing states, and opinion polls show President Barack Obama will win both in the contest with Republican Mitt Romney. **BLOOMBERG**

Quoted

"It's never been like this."

MICHAEL HARPER

Weather. Storm again.

▶ Rain and snow will increase this afternoon and is expected to become heaviest late in the day or early evening.

RICARD LARMA/METRO

What haven't we had yet? Snow

Just as the Delaware Valley is cleaning up and still restoring power in some areas after a pounding from Hurricane Sandy, an impending nor 'easter headed our way. A coastal flood warning advisory is also in effect from 4 p.m. today untill 10 a.m. Thursday. Minor flooding is anticipated along roadways and the Delaware River during high tide. ● **METRO**

Philly Marathon to take 3,000 more runners

New Yorkers are getting some brotherly love from Philadelphia.

Organizers of the Philadelphia Marathon have opened up 3,000 slots for competitors who were signed up for the New York City Marathon that was supposed to happen on Nov. 4. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg canceled the historic event due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Its controversial cancellation came after two days of uproar from Bloomberg critics who said the city was not ready to host such a massive event.

The competitors can enter a lottery until 5 p.m. Thursday to register for the sold-out event set to take place Nov. 18. A computer will randomly select as many as 3,000 people.

Mayor Michael Nutter said that marathoners have invested a lot of time, training and dedication and this was "something we can do to support the running community."

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News in brief

Glass of wine a day cuts breast cancer risk, study

Women with breast cancer can boost their chances of long-term survival by drinking a glass of wine a day, according to research

Scientists at the university of Cambridge said that women who drink a medium-sized glass of wine a day cut their chances of dying within a decade of diagnosis by 20 percent.

Even drinking half of a medium-sized glass cut the chances of death by 18 percent.

Researchers studied more than 13,500 women who had been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. The women's progress from diagnosis was followed for up to 15 years. **METRO**

Home prices dip in September after gaining

U.S. home prices slipped in September after gaining for six months in a row as values were weighed down by cheaper distressed sales, data from CoreLogic showed yesterday.

CoreLogic Inc.'s home price index fell 0.3 percent from August. Prices were still up strongly compared with a year ago, rising 5 percent for the biggest increase since July 2006.

Excluding distressed sales, prices were up 0.5 percent from August and also gained 5 percent from last year.

Homes that have been seized by banks or are in danger of being foreclosed are often sold at significantly reduced prices. **REUTERS**

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Three Western US states vote on legalizing of recreational pot

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▶ In Montana, voters will be asked whether to overturn a 2011 law that imposed tough restrictions on medical pot and led to the shutdown of dispensaries.

Voters in three western U.S. states went to the polls yesterday to decide whether to legalize marijuana for recreational use in a move that could spur a showdown with the federal government, with polls showing legalization ahead in Washington and Colorado.

If voters approve the measures, the states could become the first in the country to legalize the recreational use of pot. Each of the initiatives would see marijuana taxed and would regulate its sale in special stores to adults age 21 and older.

But the prospect of legalizing pot, which the federal government considers an illicit and dangerous drug liable to be abused, has raised concerns about how to keep stoned drivers off the roads and joints out of the hands of teenagers.

Surveys show legalization measures ahead in Washington state, where campaign finance records say its sponsors have raised $6 million, and Colorado, where backers have pulled in nearly $2 million. But legalization was trailing in Oregon, where a grassroots campaign was struggling to sway voters.

A survey of 932 likely voters in Washington state released on Saturday by Public Policy Polling found 53 percent support legalization, with a margin of error of 3.2 percent. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We're risking a lot simply because people think they want to buy marijuana from a store."

KEVIN SABET, A FORMER ADVISER TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S DRUG POLICY CZAR

Election in brief

Biden crashes jet party in Ohio

If there was any doubt that the U.S. presidential fight hinges on Ohio, an awkward campaign airplane traffic jam at the Cleveland airport yesterday made it clear.

Minutes after Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney touched down on the tarmac, Vice President Joe Biden swooped in on Air Force Two for an unannounced — but what the White House said was long-planned — visit.

Biden's move seemed aimed at dampening the challenger's 11th-hour visit to the battleground state.

Romney, who was waiting for running mate Paul Ryan to land, stayed onboard his plane until Biden boarded his motorcade and left the tarmac, which became even more crowded when Ryan's plane landed minutes later.

Only President Barack Obama, who was spending the day in Chicago, was missing from the dance of the jets. **REUTERS**

Markets want clear winner

Traders and investors were in agreement on one thing as voters cast their ballots in yesterday's U.S. presidential election: The markets want a clear winner by Wednesday morning.

U.S. equity markets rose on Tuesday, in part due to relief that the drawn-out campaign had reached its end. Some market analysts forecast doomsday scenarios if a particular candidate wins — predictions that usually reflect their political leanings more than anything else.

Markets hate uncertainty, and having a drawn-out U.S. presidential election is one of the worst prospects. No one on either side wants a repeat of the protracted fight that followed the 2000 race between Al Gore and George W. Bush. **REUTERS**

Obama is president

At 11:10 p.m. last night, TV networks around the country declared that Barack Obama had won a tight race in Ohio — confirming his re-election as President of the United States.

Obama's stunning victory came even before tight races in Florida and Colorado had been declared. Florida went down to the wire and looked set for a possible recount.

News of Obama's victory was greeted with wild cheering from huge crowds who gathered at New York's Rockefeller Center. Meanwhile, there was gloom on the faces of Mitt Romney's post-lection party in Boston.

Within 15 minutes of the Ohio declaration, Obama tweeted: "We did this together." Analysts said the Romney campaign had failed to engage with ethnic minority voters, especially over issues such as immigration reform, despite Romney having a clear polling lead on the economy, long seen as the acid test of any election.

Obama's victories put pressure on Romney to score victories in Ohio, Florida and Virginia, three battleground states where the race was too close to call.

In the state-by-state battle to get to the 270 electoral votes needed for the presidency, Obama and Romney piled up early victories in the states they were expected to win. **METRO**

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▶ Supporters of President Barack Obama cheer after networks project Obama as re-elected during the Obama Election Night watch party in Chicago.

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Romney's chances diminished early

The Republican's chances were hit by Obama victories in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, as well as New Hampshire. Romney last week visited Wisconsin, home state of his vice presidential running mate, Paul Ryan, and stopped in Pennsylvania earlier yesterday in hopes of pulling off a surprise win there.

In a victory that also limited Romney's path to a victory, Obama won Michigan, the Republican's state of birth but where he ran afoul of voters by opposing an auto industry bailout pushed by Obama.

Romney is projected to have won Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Indiana.

He was declared the winner in Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

GOP is in the House

Republicans expected to keep House majority

The most unpopular House of Representatives in modern times was left pretty much unchanged by voters last night, with control firmly in Republican hands, according to projections.

The partisan brand of politics practiced by Republicans for the past two years appeared not to have seriously damaged the party.

When the new House is sworn in next January, it will look much like the House that nearly brought about government shutdowns and an historic default on debt in 2011.

The bitter partisanship in the 435-member chamber was thought to have contributed to record low public approval ratings of Congress that at one point dipped to 10 percent.

If voters did not like the overall tenor of Congress for the past two years, they seemed to remain satisfied with their individual members.

The result could mean at least two more years of divided U.S. government if Obama wins reelection and Democrats retain their control of the "upper chamber" Senate. **REUTERS**

Obama thanks Romney for a spirited campaign

President Barack Obama congratulated Republican rival Mitt Romney yesterday for running a hard-fought race for the White House and expressed confidence he would win reelection during a stop at a local campaign office to thank volunteers.

Obama made calls to volunteers from the campaign office to thank them for working for his reelection campaign.

"I expect that we'll have a good night, but no matter what happens, I just want to say how much I appreciate everybody who supported me, everybody who's worked so hard on my behalf," he said.

Traditionally, presidential candidates get media attention on Election Day by going to vote. But Obama cast his ballot in Chicago last month — part of his campaign's push to get supporters to vote early.

So the president's visit to the office gave him a chance to get in front of the cameras, generate news coverage and encourage turnout.

Obama and Romney, a former Massachusetts governor and private equity executive, have fought a largely negative campaign. Obama's team attacked Romney for his business record, and Romney's team criticized the president for presiding over high unemployment and a slow economic recovery.

Obama's conciliatory comments represent the close of the bitter campaign and could appeal to last-minute undecided voters, who are turned off by the lack of bipartisanship in Washington. **REUTERS**

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"I ... want to say to Gov. Romney congratulations on a spirited campaign. I know that his supporters are just as engaged and just as enthusiastic and working just as hard today."

OBAMA SAID AS VOLUNTEERS MADE PHONE CALLS ENCOURAGING SUPPORTERS TO GET TO THE POLLS

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▶ Obama congratulated Romney on his campaign.

Wanted to vote? Get in line — a long line

Across the nation, complaints arise about voter IDs, ballots, long lines at voting locations on Election Day

Sporadic complaints about voting procedures surfaced from Pennsylvania to Florida yesterday, while long lines in many states posed their own challenges.

It was unclear what impact controversies over everything from the presence of poll watchers to software installation on tabulation machines would eventually have on an election that caps the long and bitter presidential campaign. National opinion polls showed President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney in a virtual dead heat. **REUTERS**

Pennsylvania gets an earful on IDs

Watchdog groups said there was confusion over voter ID requirements in Pennsylvania, a state Obama had been expected to win, but that Romney visited in recent days as he sought to expand the battleground.

"Poll workers have been poorly and wrongfully trained, and they are standing there and sitting there and requiring people to show ID, and sending people home if they don't have the ID," said Barbara Arnwine, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, at a press conference in Washington. "The state of Pennsylvania ought to be ashamed." A judge last month blocked the state from requiring voters to show photo identification, a setback for Republican state officials who had championed the law.

Republicans had their own complaints. The party got a court order to reinstate 75 election officials in Philadelphia who allegedly were prohibited from entering polling places.

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▶ People line up to vote in Crawfordville, Fla.

Long wait times discourage voters

Long lines at polls in many states prompted concerns that some voters would give up without casting their ballots. Lengthy waits to vote were reported in Florida, Virginia and Ohio, all key swing states, as well as New Jersey and New York.

Civil rights leaders said the lines threatened to be an international embarrassment for the United States.

In the densely populated Miami area, wait times yesterday ranged from 15 minutes to more than three hours to vote with a lengthy ballot. A lawsuit had been filed on Sunday in Florida over the waiting times for early voting, which in some cases Saturday stretched to seven hours.

"When you look at the lines that have formed in places like Ohio, they are longer than the lines in Baghdad and Kabul."

WADE HENDERSON, PRESIDENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE

A study in voting problems

College students voting away from home also ran into problems in Florida. At the massive University of Central Florida in Orlando, with some 58,000 students, many students had to use provisional ballots because their voter registration cards list their home addresses. A new state law for the first time prohibits making address changes on the spot. Another twist in Florida were the hundreds of voters in Clearwater who received automated telephone calls telling them they had until the end of "tomorrow" to vote. The Tampa Bay Times quoted an election supervisor saying that the calls were supposed to have gone out Monday.

Betting on the future

Obama 2-to-1 in futures bet

President Barack Obama is a 2-to-1 favorite to win reelection over Republican challenger Mitt Romney, according to betting on the Intrade.com political futures market.

The BGOV Barometer shows Obama with a 68 percent chance of victory as of 5 p.m. yesterday. That means it cost $6.80 to win $10, should Obama win. Intrade state-by-state wagering gave Obama at least 281 electoral votes, 11 more than he needs to regain the presidency.

That level represents a late jump in bettor sentiment over the 55 percent to 45 percent average advantage the president held over Romney among Intrade betters through the summer. Obama's chances peaked at 79.5 percent on Sept. 29, three weeks after the Democratic convention, according to Carl Wolfenden, Intrade's exchange operations manager. **BLOOMBERG**

News in pictures

From village to city, America casts its votes

▶ **1:** Rockaway residents wait in line to cast their ballots in an unheated makeshift tent set up as a polling place at Scholars' Academy, PS 180, in the Rockaway neighborhood of Queens.
▶ **2:** Phillip Webb, left, helps his wife, Marian Webb, cast her vote at Truckee Meadows Fire Station in Sparks, Nev.
▶ **3:** A man votes at Beck's Mill General Store during Election Day in Becks Mill, Ohio.
▶ **4:** Voters wait in long lines to cast their ballots at Victory Elementary School in Bristow, Va.
▶ **5:** Kenady Pettingill, 12, and friends urge drivers to vote for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in Spanish Springs, Nev.
▶ **6:** Voters cast their ballots at Earl Nance Sr. Elementary School in St. Louis, Mo.

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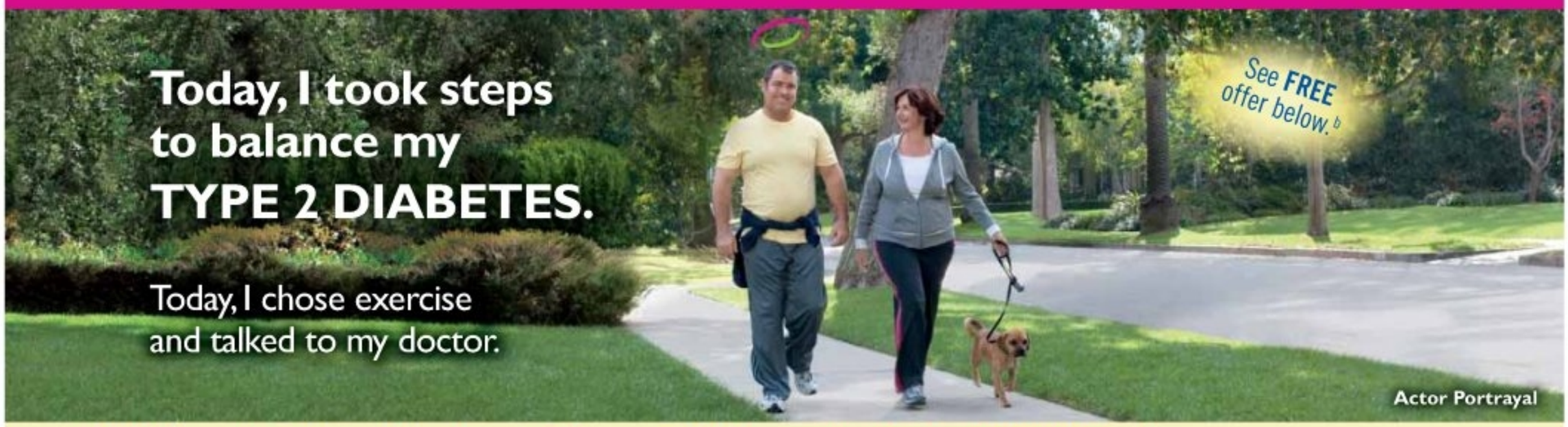
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Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heartbeat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

Call 1-888-JANUVIA or visit www.Januvia.com.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Medication Guide

JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Take JANUVIA tablets whole. Do not split, crush, or chew JANUVIA tablets before swallowing. If you cannot swallow JANUVIA tablets whole tell your doctor.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?".**
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?".**
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
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  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

I vote for ...

In honor of the US presidential election, The Word decided to cast a vote for our favorite celeb causes

... Katy Perry's chest to stay dedicated to liberty, not shooting frosting.

... Amanda Bynes to report to rehab, directly to rehab, do not pass go, do not collect $200.

... Christina Aguilera to not feel pressure to go crazy on the elliptical. You look good just the way you are, girl.

... Beyonce and Jay-Z to keep breeding.

... Britney Spears to keep on employing whoever she's hired to make her seem sane. They are doing a pretty bang-up job.

... Johnny Depp to buy some eye makeup remover.

... more Michael Fassbender — pants optional. Where did that guy get to?

... Ashton Kutcher to stop following in the footsteps of Charlie Sheen. One is more than enough.

... Ryan Reynolds to join Matrimonials Anonymous and admit he really just likes taking part in weddings.

... Nicole Kidman to burn this dress immediately.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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The photographer behind last year's viral sensation has a new book, aptly titled 'Underwater Dogs'
How he came to explore water as a 'fantastic medium'

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Seth Casteel makes a splash

Seth Casteel was a photographer who wanted to "capture raw canine emotion." Once he figured out he had to go underwater, he not only caught dogs in their element, but he became a viral sensation in the process. The new book,"Underwater Dogs," contains these now-iconic portraits, as well as new shots.

Q&A

Raw canine emotion

How did you get this idea?
Back in 2010, I was photographing a dog named Buster, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. I was doing an on-land shoot with him, but when I arrived he decided to jump in a swimming pool. I thought to myself, "Hmm, I wonder how he looks down there." I took a point-and-shoot underwater camera and started shooting. I learned you can see different personalities on the dogs' faces.

▶ Seth Casteel, 31, at work with dogs

How so?
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Gossip in brief

Alley admits to Swayze megacrush

It's never too late to tell the truth, apparently. **Kirstie Alley** has revealed that she and the late **Patrick Swayze** began an "intense emotional relationship" while filming the 1985 miniseries "North and South," according to Entertainment Tonight. "Both of us were married," Alley explains, adding that she wouldn't call what happened between them "an affair," exactly. "But again, I think what we did was worse," she says. "Because I think when you fall in love with someone when you're married, you jeopardize your own marriage and their marriage. It's doubly bad." Alley says that she's not sure if Swayze's widow, **Lisa Niemi** — with whom she's still friends — was aware of the relationship before now.

▶ Alley

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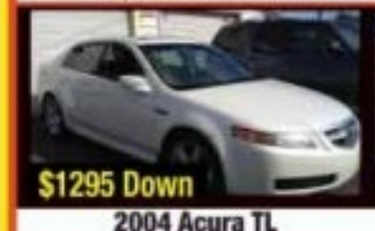

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'Top Chef: Seattle'

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Season premiere, 10 p.m., Bravo

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▶ Wolfgang Puck is a new judge on "Top Chef: Seattle."

'Modern Family'

COMEDY. Bad idea: Jay's ex-wife (guest star Shelley Long) dropping in for a visit. Worse idea: Jay trying to hide his hot new wife's pregnancy from his ex-wife.

9 p.m., ABC

'Arrow'

DRAMA. To learn how Oliver received his first scar, we get a flashback to the island and an encounter with the assassin Deathstroke. Sheesh. If there's a flashback to explain every single scar on this guy, this series is never going to move forward.

8 p.m., The CW

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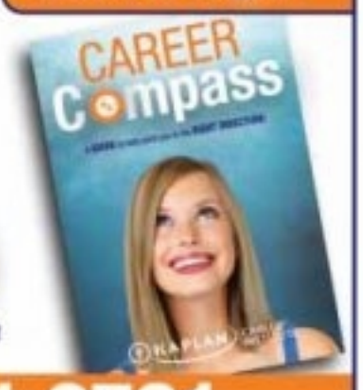

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What we're into

▶ Dickens can be such a birthday diva.

Today: Philly Unites for Charity

Most charity auctions consist of gift baskets that, at best, have some candy hiding behind the crocheted hand towels. The goods up for grabs over at CharityBuzz.com's Philly Unites for Philanthropy auction, however, are worth big bids. On the block: a night as a zombie at 2013's Terror Behind the Walls; a VIP Phillies package that includes four seats, a stadium tour and a player meet-and-greet; a Zamboni ride plus four tickets to a Flyers game; and front-row Bob Dylan tickets. Bidding closes this evening, zombie hopefuls!

This Saturday: Drinking with Dickens Pub Crawl

Although we're generally afraid of bar crawls, the birthday rules apply here: It's Charles Dickens' 200th, and he gets to call the shots. Hosted by the Free Library's Raven Society, this one starts at McGillin's on Saturday afternoon, then hits up Fergie's and Irish Pub for more themed specials. Costumes are encouraged because, again, it's Charles' damn birthday and at least he's not making everyone go to the Hibachi Steakhouse again.
Saturday, 1:30-8 p.m., $10-$20, www.eventbrite.com

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During the nearly two decades he's been on stage, Matt Nelson has noticed something troubling about improv comedy. "People come and watch it, they fall in love with it, and then they want to do it, so we lose our audience," he says. "We end up performing for each other quite a bit."

Tonight, the eighth annual Philadelphia Improv Festival kicks off at the Prince Music Theater. And while Nelson — the festival's executive producer and a performer with the Adrift troupe — is hoping you'll be content to stay in the audience, he did offer us some insight into what makes a successful improv actor.

Be a team player: Working together doesn't just make the sketch more successful; it's actually easier. "You're not trying to make yourself funny. You're trying to support the people with you and make

If you go

The Philadelphia Improv Festival (tonight-Nov. 11) is part of Philadelphia Comedy Month, which also includes the Philly Sketch Fest (Nov. 12-17). For tickets and show information, visit www.phlcomedy.com or call 267-441-4780.

Forget about funny

"You have to let go of being humorous," says Nelson. "It naturally arises in the situations we encounter, but it's a matter of finding truth and honesty. As long as improvisers are gong forward and trying to create something honest and in-the-moment, they'll succeed. The quick laughs are the ones that deflate and leave you with nothing to build on."

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them funny," says Nelson. "It's a lot easier to take care of someone than to be funny yourself."

Work with what you've got: With improv, you're relying on your audience to yell out a suggestion for a skit — and your audience is full of people who think "proctologist" is a hilarious, original suggestion. "We've heard that one a thousand times," admits Nelson. "But that said, any suggestion can be a good one if the performer is willing to do it."

Relax — they like you: Even the guy yelling "proctologist" understands that there wasn't a dress rehearsal. "Stand-up comedians have the benefit and also the Achilles' heel of preparation. Audiences are quick to boo a stand-up," says Nelson. "But with improv, the audience is really forgiving."

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Sandy was Instagram's moment

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The second most popular hashtag, we noticed, was #hurricanesandy, attached to 478,925 pics. #Frankenstorm was on 48,000 more. Total it all up, not counting the dozens of minor Sandy related hashtags (or rather, assuming that they balance out the double- and triple-hashtagged pictures, and all the Sandy shots not hashtagged in the heat of the moment) and you get 1.3 million.

At peak times, users were uploading 10 storm-related photos to the service every second. The Sandy-tagged total dwarfs anything else Instagram users have covered. There were 85,000 pics with the hashtag #SuperBowl, Systrom told the GigaOm Road Map conference in San Francisco. It was "likely the most digitally captured event in history," he said.

The company's next challenge, according to Systrom: "How do we mine all these photos, make sense of them so you can consume the most interesting photos about Sandy?" That, he concluded, was why Instagram was going to "have to become a big data company." It also might one day use smart analysis of those pictures — allowing you to locate, say, open gas stations near you.

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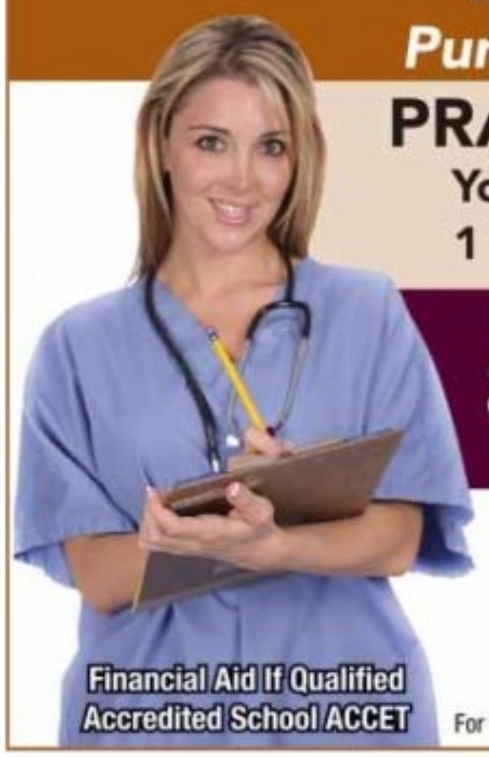

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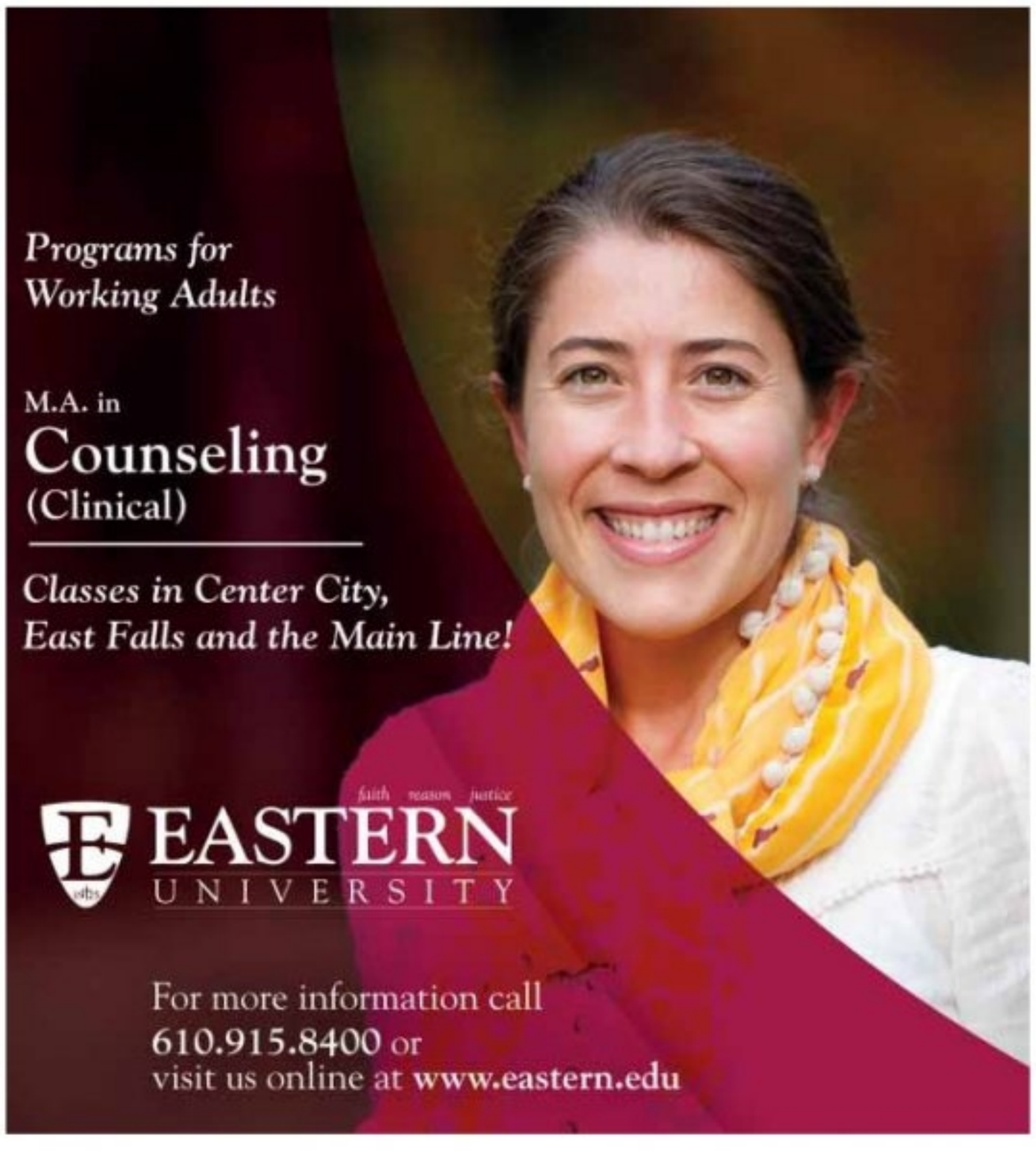

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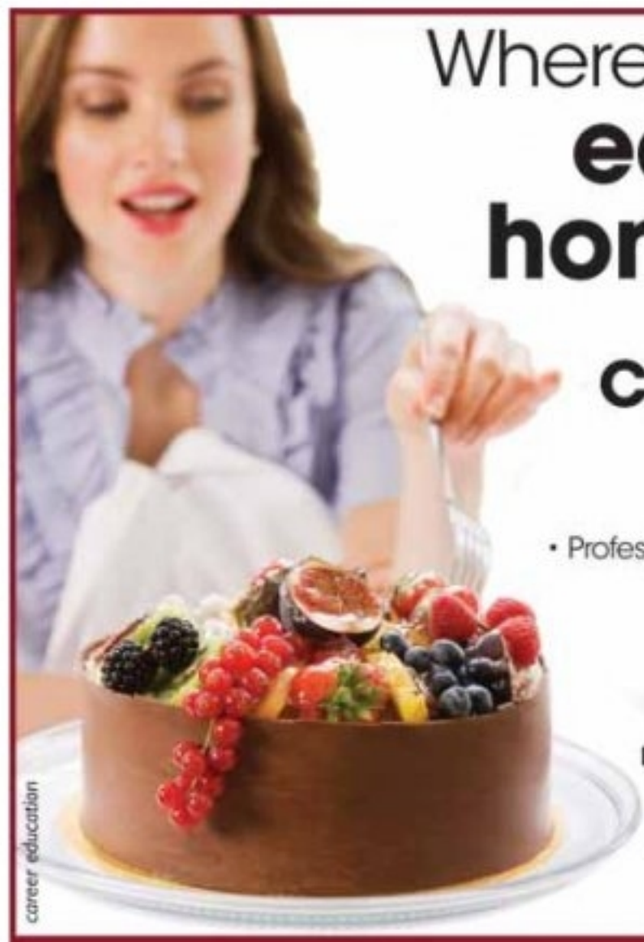

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Blockbuster season

- 'Paper Mario: Sticker Star' presents a wild and wacky 2-D universe
- 'Halo 4' may be the best console-based first-person shooter game ever

▶ "Halo 4" offers the perfect shooting experience.

Sidescroller

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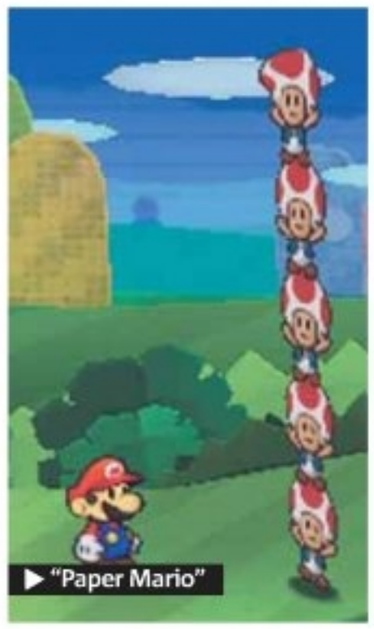
The days are officially short and much of the northeast is still in hurricane recovery mode, but at least the season's blockbuster games are starting to show up on store shelves! There's always that. Here are reviews of two of the biggest titles.

'Paper Mario: Sticker Star'
Console: Nintendo 3DS
Grade: ●●●●◎
Did you think Nintendo would let the holidays go by without a big Mario game for the 3DS? To the uninitiated, the "Paper Mario" series takes players to the Mushroom Kingdom as envisioned by Lady Gaga. These games are weird, wild and, to fans, wonderful. Think "Super Mario World" sprinkled with RPG mechanics and a healthy dose of LSD.

As the name suggests, this new entry is obsessed with stickers. You use them for everything, from battling enemies and healing to solving the game's many amusing puzzles. The graphics are gorgeous, offering a beautiful paper diorama that screenshots cannot do justice to. The only downside is the lack of experience, equipment and other familiar staples of RPGs. It's all stickers, which can take a little getting used to.



▶ "Paper Mario"

Once you do, however, you are in for a great time.

'Halo 4'
Console: Microsoft Xbox 360
Grade: ●●●●●
When it was announced that the Halo franchise was shifting to a new developer, gamers were rightly concerned. Could 343 Industries keep Master Chief fresh, while still bringing the fun? The answer is a resounding yes.

"Halo 4" is probably the best console-based FPS of all time. It offers a flawless shooting experience that improves on nearly every feature that made the series so beloved. Gunplay is more fluid, the world is more open and the storyline is actually touching. Plus, the multiplayer is brilliant on all fronts.

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KILLER STYLE

Ashley Madekwe, one of our favorite starlets from 'Revenge,' isn't just a fashionista onscreen Follow her personal style on 'Ring My Bell'

▶ Follow Ashley Madekwe's sartorial adventures on www.ashley-ringmybell.blogspot.com.

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Most of you know Ashley Madekwe as Ashley Davenport, the social ladder-climbing publicist on the scandalous (and not to mention addictive) ABC show "Revenge." But what you might not know is that the 30-year-old actress is also an avid fashion blogger. The British starlet started Ring My Bell when she moved to the U.S. in 2009 and now has more than 15,000 followers. We caught up with Madekwe to find out what inspired to her start blogging and how to avoid the guilt of, say, dropping a paycheck on Chanel.

▶ Working the peplum

What made you start RMB?
When I moved to New York my boyfriend would take a ton of pictures of me and I would put them on a blog so that my friends and family could keep updated on what I was doing. I really liked reading style blogs and it came from a place of wanting to join in.

What are your aspirations for the blog?
I want to keep it how it is. I like to read blogs about real girls, what they're wearing. I don't want too much chitchat and I want to see great pictures. There are other blogs that do lifestyle and cooking way better than I ever would. I mean, people would die if I tried to put recipes on my blog.

Q&A

How would you describe your personal style?

I would say that's it's uncommitted. There are some girls who are girly or they're into the rock chick look or something like that. I kind of slip between all of them and have pieces from all of the main looks. I'm greedy — I want to try it all.

Has Ashley Davenport influenced your style?
I think my style's influenced hers. Because I've always had an interest in fashion, Jill Hanestan, our costume designer, creates the look with me. We talk about what's going to happen in that episode and she lets me take the pick from the choices she brings. She puts all my jewelry in my trailer so I can style the look.

What can we expect next on "Revenge"?
I'm lucky enough to be part of one of the flashback episodes, which I've never been part of before, so we see her six years previously in New York and it's before she knew the Graysons.

What are some items that you're loving for fall?
Tory Burch flats with a fox face on the front. I treated myself to a new Chanel bag, it's blue and velvet. And my Isabel Marant sneakers, [I'm] loving those. I also bought a couple of Kenzo sweaters with big animal heads on the front.

What do you have your eye on?
I think I need to chill out after that Chanel bag. If you buy everything you want all the time, there's nothing to look forward to. I'm not one of those people who can buy an expensive item and not suffer from guilt.

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Make your doctor work for you

The first step in making the most out of your health care is choosing a trustworthy doctor — but where to begin?

"Don't just ask a hospital for a list of doctors," says Dr. Cary Presant, the author of "Surviving American Medicine." "Once a doctor is on staff, they're on the list — good or bad. Talk to nurses, friends and family. Use the Internet to do a background check. If you have a disease, say breast cancer, go to a breast cancer support group and ask for referrals. Ask: 'Who do you trust?'"

To get optimum care, Dr. Presant recommends fully engaging in the medical process with your physician.

"Ask questions," he says. "Say a doctor prescribes a new medication. Ask how effective it is, ask about the side effects and ask the doctor, 'What do you commonly see in patients with this medication?' Then ask him if this is the kind of treatment he'd give his wife or family member. That gives them pause for thought."

As the Affordable Care Act funnels more patients into a busy system, doctors increasingly feel overwhelmed and have less and less time to do their jobs effectively, Dr Presant says. Being proactive is important. Prepare your questions in advance, and consider bringing a trusted family member or friend along for the ride.

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▶ Your doctor should be OK with you getting a second opinion: "A good doctor will welcome that you get one," says Dr. Presant.

"Write a list [of questions] before you go," says Dr Presant. "Also, listen. Four ears are better than two. Take a family member with you to the doctor's office. They might hear something you don't."

And you shouldn't fear asking for a second opinion once you get a diagnosis.

"Any doctor who is reluctant to recommend getting a second opinion, that's a red flag," Dr. Presant says.

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Top hospitals in the nation

We had HealthGrades.com choose two procedures and tell us which local hospitals fared best in their "American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation." Healthgrades based these numbers on mortality and complication rates from hospitals.

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Carroll must have touched a nerve

RE: "THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE FROM US POLITICS AS USUAL" (METRO, NOV. 5) I congratulate news columnist Conn Carroll. He must have said something right to have so many liberals come out against him. They were ridiculing him for having his facts wrong, but I noticed their facts were really wrong. Terrific Conn Carroll, love it.

IGOR MANNIKUS, VIA E-MAIL

Conn Carroll's statement, "Did Americans really care what kind of birth control their employers did nor did not pay for four years ago? Of course not," illustrates how out of touch with a huge segment of American voters he is. Perhaps he is myopic on this subject because he himself can't get pregnant. As the late Florynce Kennedy observed, "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament." Carroll's cluelessness is matched by Sen. Todd Akins' (R-Mo.) comment that "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down" and Rep. Joe Walsh's (R-Il) brilliant assertion that "With modern technology and science, you can't find one instance of a woman dying from childbirth" and the baloney from Republican John Koster stating that abortion is not justified in cases of incest or "the rape thing." Every woman and every man who has a wife, sister or daughter should be afraid if this mind-set is voted into office. **CATHY LANEY, VIA E-MAIL**

Don't hate on the heavy and unclassy

RE: "NOT COOL, GAGA" (METRO, NOV. 5) Lady Gaga has been bravely public about living with anorexia and bulimia, eating disorders that affect thousands of Americans. She has even launched an inspirational body revolution. Because of this openness and her role model status, it is inexcusable that Metro responded to her recent weight loss by saying that Lady Gaga has to be skinny to pull off her "meat lingerie" while other singers, like Adele, can be larger because Adele is "classy."

This suggests that it is only acceptable for women to be "heavier," aka: a healthy weight for most women, if they cover up. This type of fat-shaming perpetuates eating disorders, both for Lady Gaga and for thousands of Metro readers. And fat-shaming is not cool.

ALYSON WEISS, VIA E-MAIL

Positions obscured from all sides

RE: "WE'LL BE HAPPY WHEN $1B SOAP OPERA IS OVER" (METRO, NOV. 6) Your Metropolitik column by Professor Wilson might have been a worthwhile read had you given half the space to the opposing view. The professor mentions, "I don't think even Mitt's most ardent supporter is clearer on his positions." Well, this reader has listened to Barack Obama for six years and I am no clearer on any of Barack's positions — they always seem to side with his audience at any given time. A second note the professor mentions Sen. Scott Brown running constant personal attacks on Elizabeth Warren. Where is the professor when her ads come on?

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When it comes to involvements in which money is being exchanged between friends, things must be handled with extreme care or someone, perhaps you, will end up feeling cheated.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Even after you've achieved an objective, you must take steps to solidify what you've gained. If you don't, all could slip away.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Friends and companions will be more impressed by the example you set than by the philosophy you espouse. Engage in more doing and a lot less talking.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You shouldn't have to be told not to take any gambles on people or things that you know little about. There's a chance you'll be more gullible than usual, and you could easily be had.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Inconsistency substantially lessens your possibilities for success. It's quite likely that you'll do things in ways that'll only confuse the people who want to help you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** In order to stay in control when working on a critical task, you must maintain your patience throughout the job. If you try to rush, a mistake is likely.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Forget about trying for a huge gain by gambling on a big risk. If you can't pull it off, it might cost you far more than what you would have spent doing things the normal way.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** By refusing to let others run certain things that you're ill-equipped to handle, complications are likely to arise. Take your pride out of the picture.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be very selective as to which of your friends you can poke and tease without eliciting rancor. A sensitive pal might misinterpret your playfulness and take things seriously.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you don't handle your commercial matters prudently, any opportunities that do exist could slip through your fingers. Situations in which you would normally do well could end poorly.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** When you lack focus, you'll be unable to bring your forces to bear on important objectives. It's OK to do less, as long as everything is done to the very best of your ability.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Be a positive thinker and behave accordingly. If you start feeling sorry for yourself and making unreasonable demands of others, even those who planned to help you will reject you.

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Big Red third in overrated poll

Eagles coach Andy Reid finished third in an anonymous players' poll asking who was the most overrated coach in the NFL.

The poll, conducted by The Sporting News, surveyed 103 players from 27 teams. Rex Ryan was ranked first (35 votes) followed by Bill Belichick (16), then Andy Reid (9).

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REID'S LEGACY STAINED, END THE CHARADE

Jeff Lurie has presented himself as a man with no patience for the decline of his Eagles. In February, the owner took the unprecedented step of informing head coach Andy Reid that another 8-8 season wasn't acceptable. Now what?

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In August, Lurie said Reid was not a coach for life — or at least not his coach for life. Then how can Lurie tolerate the disgraceful performance of his team, and especially of his coach, in that 28-13 public humiliation Monday night? Has the owner finally seen enough to do something he should have done a season ago, fire the lost soul who is running (ruining) his football team?

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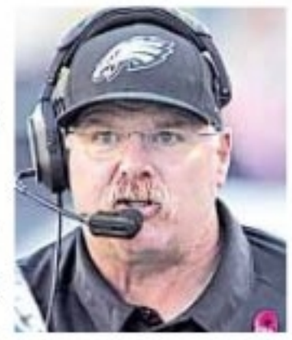
Even the cheerleaders seem to be putting on a little weight.

Andy Reid isn't just the worst coach in the NFL, he is challenging some of the most abysmal single-season coaching performances of all-time. Step aside, Rich Kotite. Move over, Marty Mornhinweg. Make room down there, Joe Kuharek. The winningest coach in Eagles history is just another loser.

The Eagles did some things on Monday night that didn't just defy convention, they rewrote NFL history. Imagine gaining 447 yards and scoring one touchdown. Or accumulating 105 rushing yards in the first quarter and no touchdowns. Or giving up more points from your own red zone (7) than you scored (6). The Eagles accomplished all of those improbable feats with ease.

They are functioning now with a zombie head coach, two over-the-hill assistants coaching two terrible lines, a lost and confused quarterback, a tackle-impaired cornerback and an army of nonentities. Their GM couldn't find a useful lineman if he was trampled by one, and even the cheerleaders seem to be putting on a little weight.



If losing to the Saints and their laughable defense wasn't enough of an embarrassment for Lurie to end this charade, what will it take? Will the owner need to endure a fifth straight kick in the teeth Sunday at a furious Linc against the loathsome Cowboys? Will that be the final flourish to a 14-year Reid legacy that is already indelibly stained?

Monday night was a comedy of errors for the Eagles and their fans, and the madness needs to stop right now. Mike Vick's brother Marcus was Tweeting trade demands — four days after the trade deadline, no less. An anonymous "decision-maker" in the front office was calling the firing of Juan Castillo a "miscalculation." And some Eagles players traded insults (and an obscene gesture) with visiting Birds fans behind the bench.

Meanwhile, Jeff Lurie remained under lockdown in a luxury box, pondering the same question we all are. When should he end this insanity? Is it finally time to fire Andy Reid?

Oh, yes. It's time.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

Never fight the fans, never do it

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Jason Babin took some time from his busy schedule last week to instruct Eagles fans on how to behave. Is there no end to this fine young man's generosity?

Using his favorite communication vehicle to talk directly to customers, Babin posted on Twitter the definition of loyalty, just three days after he said a section filled with drunken fans had used such "vile" language on his teammates and coaches that he could no longer remain silent.

Now a cynic might point out that Babin has reserved most of his quiet time to the field having recorded only 3.5 sacks in eight games, but it is precisely that kind of negative thinking he is trying hard to stop. And who are we to question a player who has served a whopping 2.5 seasons here?

During a subsequent interview the day after his instructional Tweet, Babin wasn't impressed with the argument that there were 68,000 fans at the Atlanta game, and it was unfair — if not downright stupid — to attack one of the best fan bases in sports over the angry shouts of a few. Nope. He is right. We are wrong. End of discussion.

So it's time to return the favor. Since he has such extensive knowledge on fan conduct, it is only fair that the fans offer some pointers on something Babin is really struggling with: how to sack the quarterback. Let's all try to help Babin in this time of need by tweeting him @Jasonbabin93. It's the least we can do.

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To tell the truth

The four pro teams in Philadelphia have one thing in common beyond their knack for frustrating fans. They all lie constantly about injuries. By constantly, I mean every important injury to every key player.

The latest example came when Andy Reid revealed the chronic ankle injury of first-round bust Danny Watkins, a condition the lineman supposedly had before he was drafted. Watkins isn't talking, for one very good reason. He knows the truth. He got benched.

Before that, there was the Andrew Bynum mystery. Everyone knew the young center had balky knees, but he isn't playing because, well, it's hard to say. Apparently he injured himself working out. He said his right knee had buckled, while the team is calling it a bone bruise. There is no timetable for his return. With a bruise. Does that make sense to you?

And speaking of that popular phrase "no timetable," how about Chase Utley and Ryan Howard? Utley hurt himself while training and Howard re-injured his Achilles. At the start of spring training, Utley's problem was said to be minor and Howard hadn't suffered a setback. They missed a combined 170 games.

Finally, the Flyers can't decide what to say about Chris Pronger. Will Pronger play again? Don't ask Paul Holmgren. He hasn't spoken the truth about an injury since his playing days ended.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Good riddance.** What was more heart-warming in the Andre Iguodala homecoming, the half-hearted wave he offered to a lukewarm standing ovation? Or his later comment that he was glad the night was over? Here's hoping he spends the rest of his career in the anonymity that he so richly deserves.

2 **License to thrill.** Big Bella, the multibarreled gun that shoots 100 T-shirts a minute into the stands at the Wells Fargo Center, is impressive. But how long before some wiseguy columnist suggests that it be pointed at one of our slumping Sixers? Hey, I'm just warning them, that's all.

3 **Corbett's hands dirty, too.** Former Penn St. president Graham Spanier was charged in the Jerry Sandusky scandal last week. But the bigger story was his public attack on Gov. Tom Corbett, who continues to act as if his failed investigation never happened. The governor was an enabler, too. Don't forget that.

Eagles 'absolutely' can turn disappointing season around

Prior to last season, the Eagles weren't very familiar with four-game losing streaks. Now they are nasty habits.

Andy Reid has lost four straight games in consecutive seasons after Monday night's debacle. The Eagles appear to be quitting on a head coach fighting for his job — at least that's what it looks like on the surface. Behind closed doors, Reid insists that isn't the case.

"Absolutely," Reid said, when asked if he can turn it around. "I like these players and what they represent. And the coaches, we've just got to put it together, play as one, and we'll be there."

Despite poor tackling, even worse blocking and questionable play-calling, the Eagles believe they can fix it.

"They're a close bunch and they've got good character. They fight," Reid said. "They battled through last year. Again, it was too late but they battled through and ended up winning some games. I would expect them to continue to battle through and good things will happen." METRO/MG

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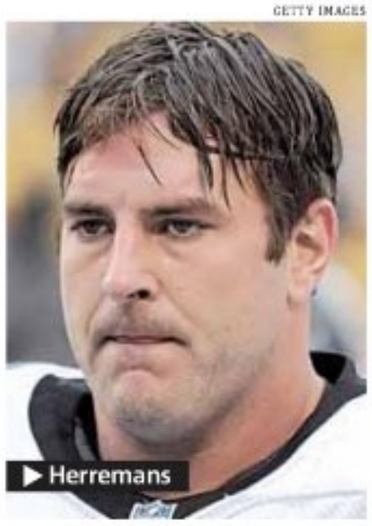

▶ Herremans

Injury report

- **RT Todd Herremans** remained on crutches yesterday and underwent an MRI. He left Monday's game with an ankle injury.
- **Other injuries:** LB Akeem Jordan (groin), WR Mardy Gilyard (hamstring), RG Danny Watkins (ankle), S Nate Allen (hamstring)

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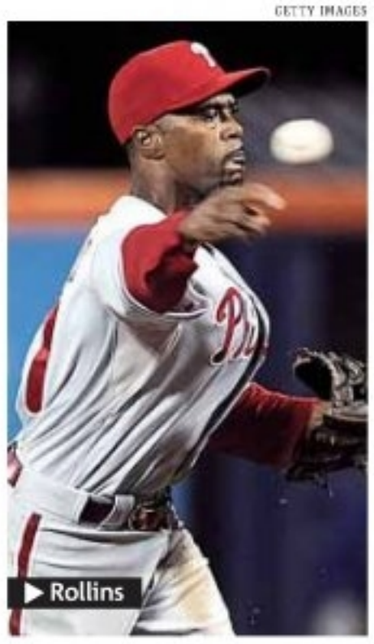

▶ Rollins

After Jimmy Rollins re-signed with the Phillies last offseason, a number of pundits questioned the deal. But J-Roll provided punch at the plate with 23 home runs and a team-leading 68 RBIs. Rollins also provided exceptional defense.

And his fielding skills helped him earn his fourth gold glove last week. Rollins was the lone Phillie to win such hardware this season.

"I try to do it all," Rollins said during the season. "It's not just about offense or defense, it's about everything. You do everything and it helps you be able to win."

Rollins won his first gold glove since 2009. He played stellar defense in virtually every game of the season. He played in 156 games, the most since his highwater mark back in 2007 when he won his first gold glove, as well as MVP.

The team's lone active member of the 2,000-hit club is the only Phillies player to win a gold glove this season.

Carlos Ruiz was in the running but was blocked by the Cardinals' Yadier Molina, who won his fifth straight gold glove. Molina is the defensive catcher of this generation.

"I can't say enough about Chooch behind the plate," Vance Worley said. "When I started working with him, it certainly made a difference. He calls a great game and you don't have to worry about bouncing a ball. He'll block it."

Worley also gives props to his starting shortstop. He called him a baseball player disguised as a vacuum.

"What's great about our defense is that you can pitch to contact," Worley said. "You want them to hit the ball behind you in Jimmy's general direction because he's a vacuum. You know he's going to come up with the ball and make the play. He's as automatic as it gets."

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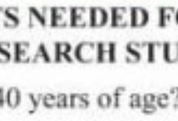

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Order and Notice of Judicial Sale

WHEREAS, judgment was entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on November 24, 2008, in Civil No. 02:07-cv-04096; in favor of the United States and against defendants Albert Salvador and Purificacion Salvador, ordering that the United States' tax liens be foreclosed and that the two subject properties, described below, be sold pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002.

AND ALSO ordered that based on a Judgment 2:09-cv-05519 EL; the 4067 North Reese Street property be sold free and clear of any right, title, lien, claim, or interest of Jose Torres and Lissette Torres defendants.

WHEREAS, the two subject properties are:

A. Real Property located at 2112 South 7th Street - Philadelphia, PA 19148; and more particularly described as:
Situate on the Northwest corner of Seventh Street and Cantrell Street in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia. Parcel Tax Map (OPA) ID # 393181700.

B. Real property located at 4067 North Reese Street – Philadelphia, PA 19140;
and more particularly described as:
Situate on the Easterly side of Reese Street and Southerly side of Lycoming Street in the 43rd Ward of the City of Philadelphia. Parcel Tax Map (OPA) ID # 433045100.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

That the Internal Revenue Service, through its Property Appraisal and Liquidation Specialist ("PALS"), in accordance with Title 28, United States Code, and the procedures of this Court, is authorized under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002 to offer for sale at public auction, and to sell the subject properties. This decree of sale shall act as a special Writ of execution and no further orders or process from the Court shall be required.

Notice of Judicial Auction Sale

Date and Time of Auction: November 14, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.
Registration at 10:30 a.m.

Location of Auction for both properties:
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Minimum Bid: - $20,000.00 each property.

Go to www.irssales.gov for additional details, and bidding information and dates for possible "open-house" showing of the properties.

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Terms and Conditions of Sale

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall deposit $5,000.00 (for each property bid) made by certified or cashier's check payable to:

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The PALS is authorized to have free access to the Real Property and to take all actions necessary to preserve the Property, including, but not limited to, retaining a locksmith, or other person to change or install locks, or other security devices on any part of the Property, until the deed to the Real Property is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

All persons occupying the Property shall vacate the Property permanently within 30 days of the date of this Order, each taking with them his or her personal property (but leaving all improvements, buildings, fixtures, and appurtenances to the Property). If any person fails or refuses to vacate the Property by the date specified in this Order, the PALS are authorized to coordinate with the United States Marshal to take all actions that are reasonably necessary to have those persons ejected. Any personal property remaining on the Property 30 days after the date of this Order is deemed forfeited and abandoned, and the PALS are authorized to dispose of it in any manner they see fit, including sale, in which case the proceeds of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of sale and the balance to be paid into the Court for further distribution.

The properties are offered for sale "as is" and "where is"; and without recourse against the United States.

The United States may bid as a credit against its judgment without tender of cash.

The sale of the Properties shall be subject to confirmation by this Court. On confirmation of the sale, all interests in, liens against, or claims to, the Properties that are held or asserted by the United States, or any of the defendants in this action, are discharged and extinguished. On confirmation of the sale, a deed of judicial sale conveying each real property to the purchaser shall be delivered.

Important Information

This notice contains information regarding the procedures for the sale of foreclosed property under the auspices of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in Civil No. 02:07-cv-04096 and Civil No. 02:09-cv-05519 EL.
Additional information, photos, and the complete legal description of the property can be found at: **www.irssales.gov**

It is important that any interested party contact:

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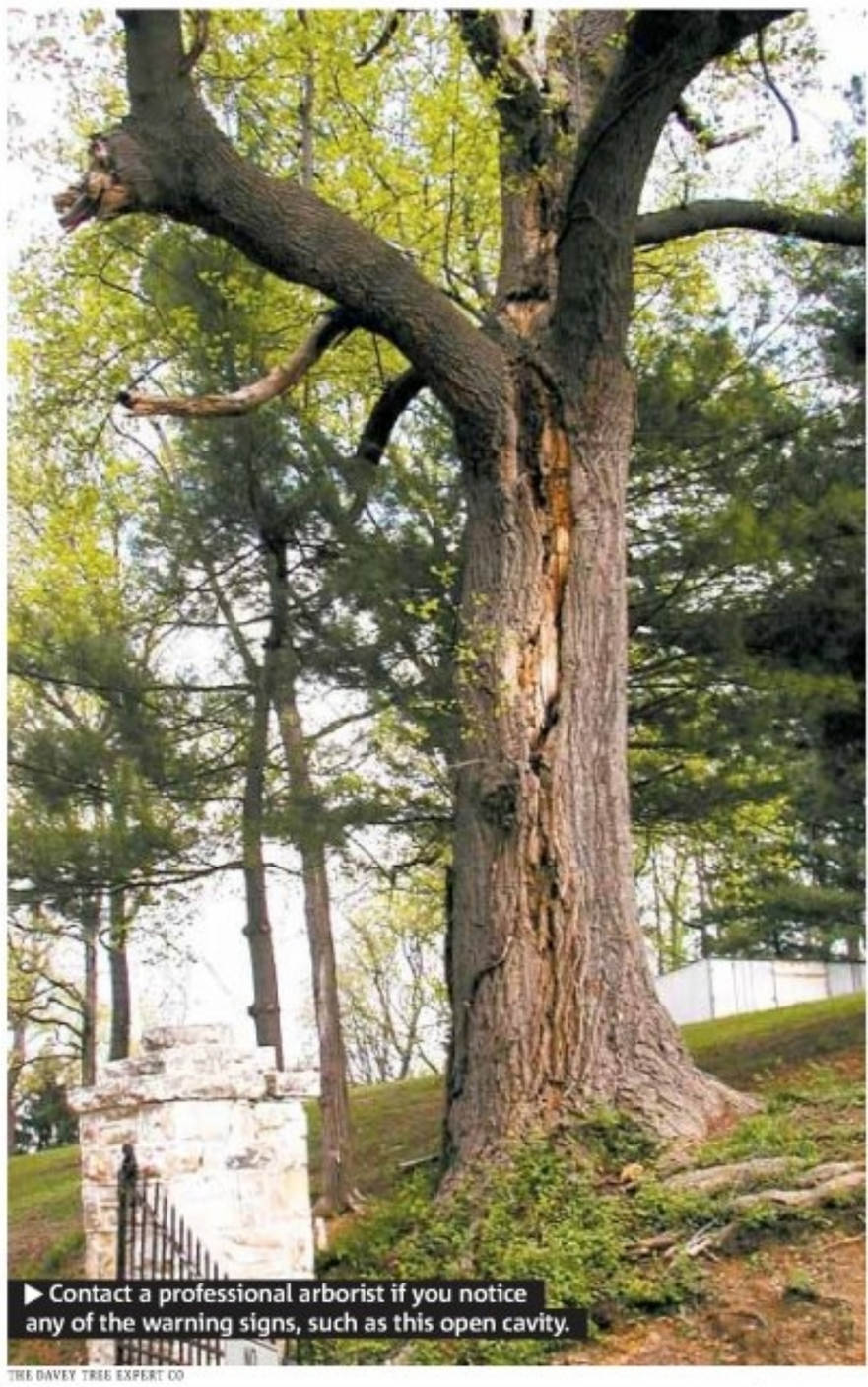

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Identifying dangerous trees

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Here are warning signs to look out for:

1. **Open cavities:** Look for these in the main trunk that go from the ground up to where the tree begins to branch. Check for pockets of decays and holes.
2. **Deadwood:** These are limbs that have died and can fall at any time.
3. **Weak branch union:** This is when two major branches grow too closely together. When they are so narrow, there is bark growing between them and that weakens that joint making them more susceptible to split apart.
4. **Excessive lean:** When we have storms, trees with an excessive lean can become more likely to fall.

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